



## **EXECUTIVE MEMBER DELEGATED POWERS DECISION NOTICE**

### **LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 2000 SECTION 9E**

#### **1 DETAILS OF EXECUTIVE MEMBER TAKING THE DECISION**

Councillor Stephen Boulton

#### **2 TITLE OF REPORT**

Introduction of Resident Parking Permit Scheme in Rickfield Close, Hatfield.

#### **3 DECISION TAKEN**

For the reasons set out in this decision notice, and following full consultation where no formal objections were placed I agree the following:

1. To introduce the following proposals (see Appendix A):
  - a) To introduce a resident permit scheme operating Monday – Friday, 9am – 5pm Zone B21.

#### **4 IF URGENT, REASONS FOR URGENCY**

PROPOSED START DATE OF NEW RESTRICTIONS 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 2020  
TO ENSURE THE PERMIT SCHEME IS IN PLACE TO NEGATE ANY NON-RESIDENT PARKING EFFECTS WHEN TRAFFIC LEVELS RISE

#### **5 DETAILS OF OTHER EXECUTIVE MEMBER(S) CONSULTED**

n/a

Name **Stephen Boulton**

Signature 

Date this decision was taken **17 August 2020**

Date of circulation/publication of this decision **18 August 2020**

#### **6 EXPLANATION/BACKGROUND**

As part of the introduction of resident permit scheme in Woods Avenue, Rickfield Close was isolated from the restrictions as a cul-de-sac. Residents reported parking displacement by non-residents including those visiting the university, reducing parking availability for residents near their homes. A consultation took

place with residents in April/May 2020, with letters hand delivered of the proposals including the 14 properties located in Rickfield Close with no negative feedback received. A notice of intent, draft traffic regulation order, relevant plan and statement of reasons were advertised on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020 inviting interested parties to place formal objections to the proposals. The objection stage closed on 25<sup>th</sup> June, and no objections have been made indicating residents affected are in favour of the introduction of a resident permit scheme within the road.

#### 6.1 Legal Implications:

TROs are created under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. Consultations follow a statutory legal process as set out in The Local Authorities' Traffic Orders (Procedure) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996. No other legal implications are inherent in relation into the proposals in this report.

#### 6.2 Financial Implications:

The cost of TRO works and relevant advertising of proposals recommended in this report will be funded through existing Parking Services revenue and capital budgets.

#### 6.3 Risk Implications:

Changing the parking conditions in the road could generate negative publicity. Some parking may be displaced into nearby roads where no restrictions exist.

It is standard procedure to monitor new parking restrictions for the first 6 months after any are implemented. During this period all reports of safety issues or parking displacement will be recorded. If any significant safety issues are discovered during the monitoring period, Parking Services will investigate and carry out the appropriate remedial action. Many of the adjacent roads are also contained within the current parking services works programme and residents there will be consulted in due course.

#### 6.4 Other Implications

**Communication and Engagement;** when making any changes to parking restrictions there is a statutory consultation process set out in the Local Authority Traffic Orders (Procedures) (England and Wales) Regulations 1996 which the Council needs to adhere to. This includes consulting directly with all affected parties and several statutory consultees, such as the Police and Hertfordshire County Council.

- In addition, Notices are required to be erected within all roads affected and advertised in the local newspaper, in this case the Welwyn Hatfield Times.
- Ward and County Councillors have been consulted and no objections have been received regarding these proposals.
- The relevant residents have also been consulted and informed of the proposals. No objections have been received.
- This process has been carried out and there are no known implications in relation to the proposals in this report.

**Equality and Diversity;** an Equality Impact Assessment (EqIA) has been completed as part of the formal consultation process.  
**Alternative options considered and reasons for their rejection (if any):**

No alternative options were considered.

**7 BACKGROUND PAPERS USED TO INFORM THE DECISION**

Notice of intent, traffic regulation order, plan and statement of reasons advertised on 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020.

**8 DETAILS OF ANY MEMBERS OR OFFICERS WHO HAVE DECLARED AN INTEREST IN THIS MATTER AND NATURE OF ANY SUCH INTEREST AND ANY DISPENSATIONS GRANTED**

8.1 No members or officers declared an interest in this matter

**9 ADDITIONAL CONFIDENTIAL OR EXEMPT INFORMATION CONSIDERED**

9.1 No

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